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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Corrections to Memorandum on Discussions with Non-Governmental Personnel

REFERENCE: Memorandum for AD/SI from Chief, COM/SI, 22 March 1959, subject: "Extent of Discussions with Non-Governmental Personnel on 'Soviet ICBM and IRBM Production Rates' during Past Two Years"

1. I would like to correct what appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the substance of discussions held by COM personnel with a group of consultants convened for the purpose stated in paragraph 2.d. of the referenced memorandum. This group was briefed on the general nature of the Soviet economy and transportation facilities and was told in very broad terms that the USSR had been testing missiles and was apparently developing a missile program of considerable magnitude. Most of the discussion concerned details of production and deployment within the confines of the US missile program -- details which would provide leads to similar Soviet activities which might aid in detecting violations of any US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long-range missiles. Furthermore, the discussions were held at a TOP SECRET level and did not involve any Special clearances or materials.

2. If the referenced memorandum is to be used as the basis for a report on the referenced subject, I request that the second sentence of paragraph 2.d. be replaced by the following:

"The group directed its attention to those details of production and deployment within the US missile program which might provide leads to methods for monitoring and detecting violations by the Soviets of any US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long-range missiles. Mention of the Soviet missile program was in very general terms and the discussions were held at TOP SECRET level without use of special materials."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence  
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FROM: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR  
SUBJECT: Corrections to Memorandum on Discussions with  
Non-Government Personnel  
REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Assistant Director, SI, from  
Chief, Guided Missile Division, SI, dated  
22 March 1959, Subject: Extent of Discussions  
with Non-Governmental Personnel on "Soviet ICBM  
and IRBM Production Rates" During Past Two Years.

1. Paragraph 2. d. of the reference includes a statement on a symposium held by ORR on 9 and 10 June 1958. This statement is in error in several respects.

2. The personnel involved in this symposium were not briefed on our evidence on or our estimates of Soviet ICBM and IRBM production rates. They were, however, briefed on the nature of the Soviet economy, geography, transportation facilities, etc. They were told in very broad terms that the USSR had been testing missiles for some time and that we believed the USSR had an extensive missile program. Most of the discussion concerned details of production and deployment of the US program which might aid in detecting violations of a possible US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long range missiles. The group as a whole formulated a working assumption as to what the minimum number (200 to 500) of such missiles the USSR might produce and deploy in violation of an agreement. Furthermore, the discussions were held at a TOP SECRET level and did not involve any special clearances or material.

3. I am sure that the errors of fact were included in the reference inadvertently and that you will make the necessary changes.

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